

**AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

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**Related Applications**

This application claims priority to French Patent Application No. 03.00313 filed January 13, 2003, which is incorporated herein by reference.

**Field of Invention**

The present invention relates to spectroscopic analysis, more particularly, to a method and device for obtaining a low-noise optical signal.

**Background**

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**Summary**

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-- **Brief Description of the Drawings** --

On page 5, line 20, please insert the following:

-- **Detailed Description** --